GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:428
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
POWERS TO PANCHAYATS IN DAMAN & DIU AND DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI
DAHYA BHAI V. PATEL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the power and functions to be devolved to the District Panchayats as per the Second and Third Schedules of the Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats (Amendment) Regulation, 1994;

(b) whether any proposal for the creation of certain posts in respect of both the Union Territories has been pending with the Government for approval since 1995;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Eleventh Finance Commission has submitted the report regarding financial powers to Panchayats of the said territories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU]

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.428 due for answer on 19.12.2000

1. According to Article 243-G of the Constitution of India, the State Legislatures had been vested with powers to make laws for endowing the Panchayats with such powers and authority to enable them to function as institutions of self-government. The Union Territory Administrations are required to devolve powers and functions upon Panchayats in their respective jurisdictions. The Union Territory Administrations of Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have devolved powers upon District Panchayats as per Schedule-II & III of their respective Panchayati Raj Regulations.

2. The proposal for creation of certain posts for the office of Election Commission (UT)/Directorate of Panchayat and for Panchayati Raj Institutions at the District and Village levels in respect of both the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, was considered and deferred by the Central Government as there is a ban on the creation of posts.

3. The Eleventh Finance Commission has not made any recommendation regarding devolution of financial powers to Union Territories as this was not included in the Terms of Reference of the Commission.